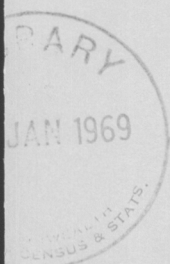


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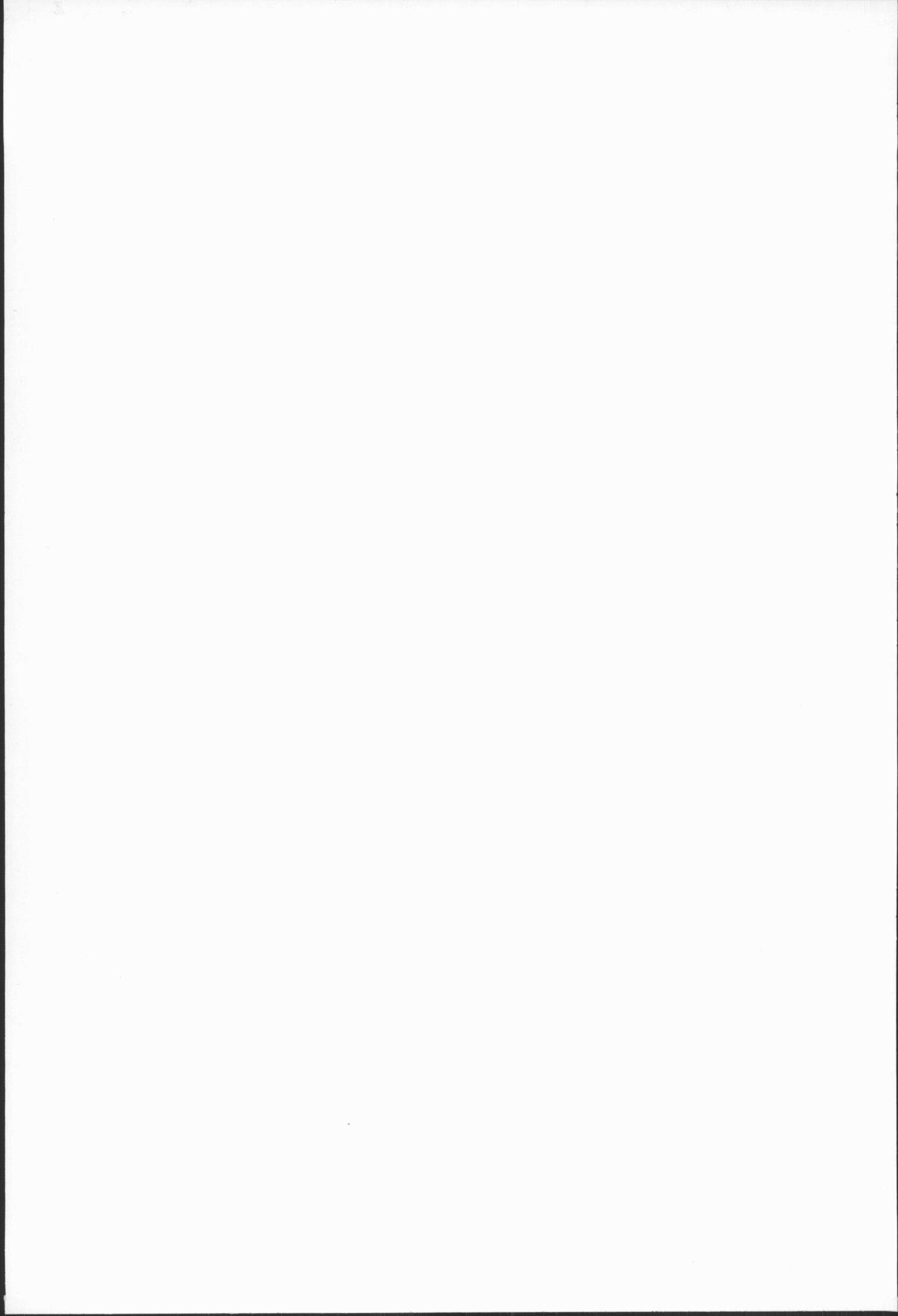


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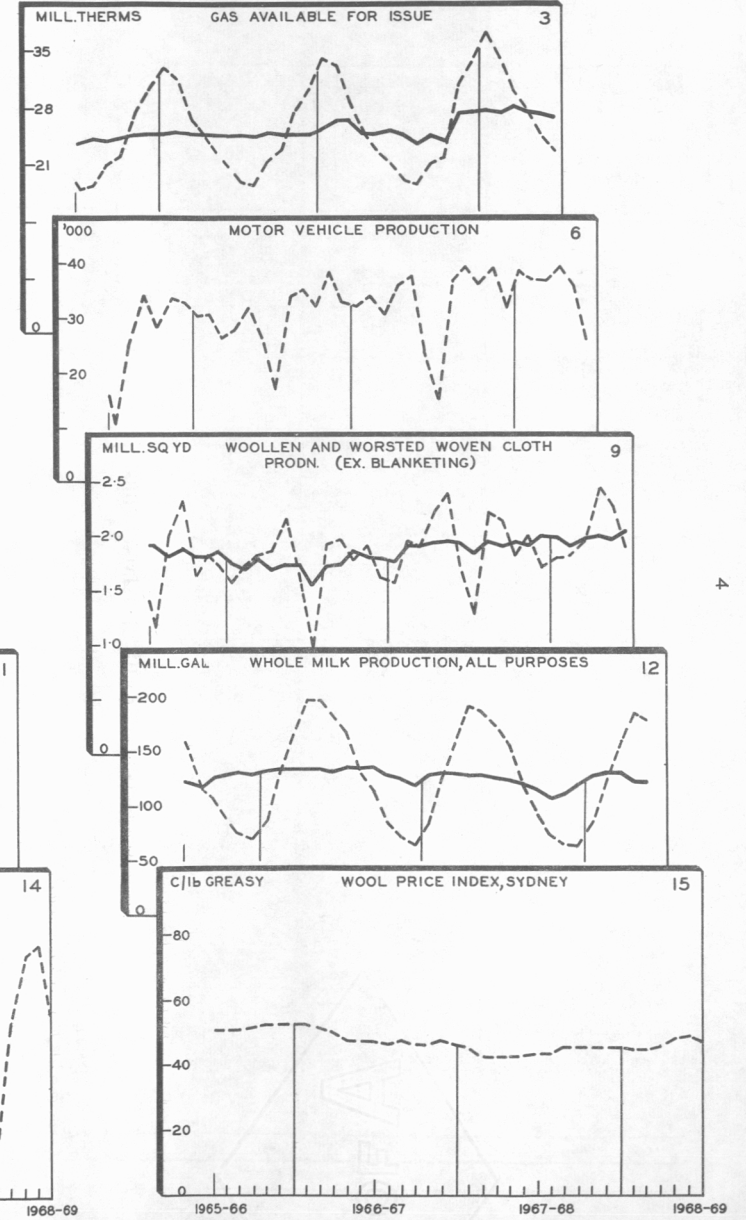
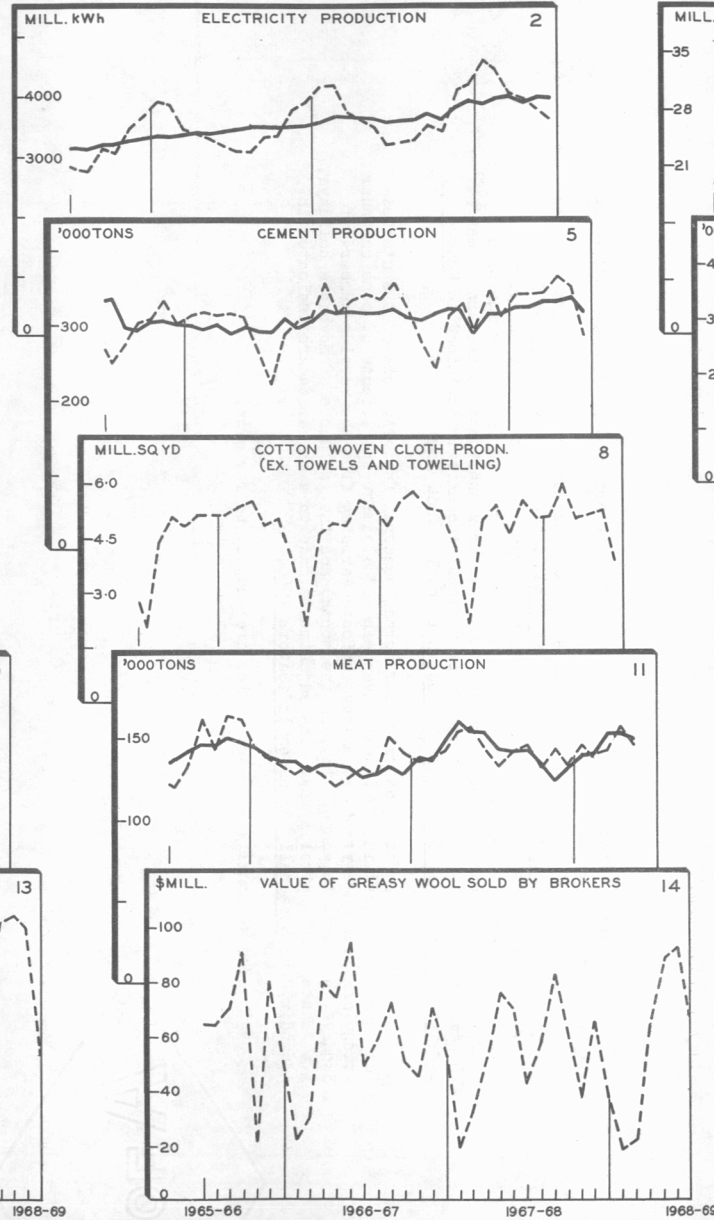
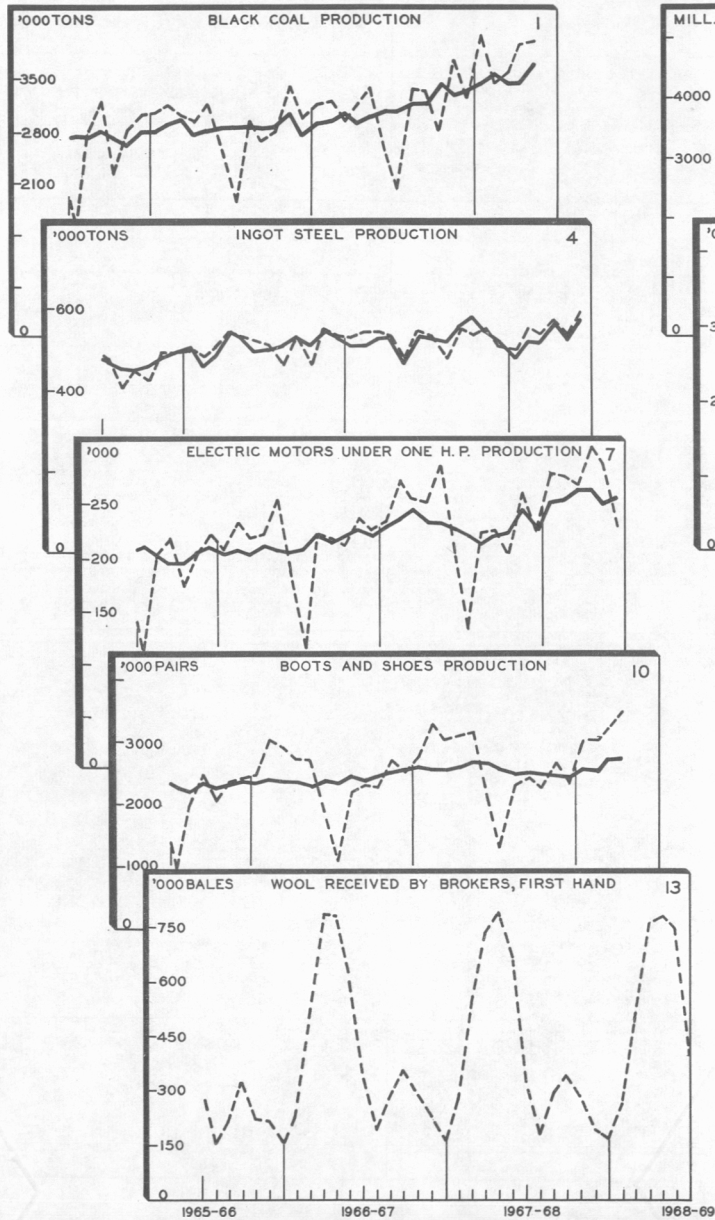
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The seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.



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		1966-67						1967-68												1968-69						
		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
PRODUCTION, ETC. (a)																										
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	1,705 2,845	2,922 2,866	2,646 2,838	2,741 2,866	3,471 3,032	2,942 2,714	3,150 2,881	3,136 2,931	2,950 3,002	3,166 2,877	3,382 2,996	2,496 3,066	1,992 3,065	3,367 3,144	3,341 3,158	2,814 3,432	3,760 3,281	3,263 3,319	4,097 3,430	3,430 3,541	3,566 3,435	3,960 3,434	3,995 3,706	
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION	mill. kWh	Original Adjusted	3,081 3,506	3,069 3,523	3,340 3,516	3,310 3,514	3,798 3,540	3,883 3,533	4,177 3,588	4,205 3,695	3,757 3,705	3,611 3,622	3,513 3,659	3,207 3,563	3,240 3,628	3,280 3,646	3,541 3,731	3,433 3,632	4,143 3,876	4,256 3,559	4,640 3,896	4,474 3,956	4,033 4,013	3,958 3,919	3,808 3,987	3,629 3,997
3. GAS AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE	mill. therms	Original Adjusted	18.9 24.9	18.5 24.6	21.7 25.5	22.7 24.8	28.1 25.0	30.4 24.7	34.0 25.6	33.3 26.7	28.4 26.7	25.0 24.8	22.3 24.8	21.2 25.3	18.8 24.7	18.3 23.5	21.2 24.6	21.9 24.1	31.1 27.8	33.8 27.8	37.5 27.9	34.8 28.0	29.9 28.2	27.8 27.6	24.5 27.3	22.6 26.8
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	508 503	456 513	523 524	462 511	553 545	530 528	526 507	540 513	541 524	530 525	477 470	544 530	527 522	479 516	548 556	530 577	551 542	505 515	497 480	552 520	539 520	565 561	534 527	591 569
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	223 296	251 314	308 298	311 309	354 324	317 317	336 322	341 321	333 321	354 324	324 313	277 307	240 317	312 324	329 323	296 291	347 317	314 317	341 323	344 325	345 334	366 334	349 338	285 315
6. MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCTION (b)	'000	Original	17.2	34.5	36.0	32.8	39.1	33.4	32.8	34.8	31.1	36.8	38.1	24.3	15.6	37.2	40.0	36.6	39.8	32.8	39.0	37.7	37.2	39.7	36.0	26.3
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS UNDER ONE HP, PRODUCTION	'000	Original Adjusted	111 208	213 213	216 215	210 219	216 225	227 220	235 231	273 237	253 245	251 234	287 234	202 229	131 222	224 213	227 221	204 228	261 246	223 228	280 252	276 254	267 263	304 263	287 249	228 255
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding towels and towelling)	'000 sq yd	Original Adjusted	2,119 2,119	4,629 4,629	4,968 4,968	4,839 4,839	5,587 5,587	5,375 5,375	4,835 4,835	5,553 5,553	5,830 5,830	5,334 5,334	5,251 5,251	4,247 4,247	2,173 2,173	4,936 4,936	5,434 5,434	4,611 4,611	5,551 5,551	5,101 5,101	5,225 5,225	6,054 6,054	5,074 5,074	5,158 5,158	5,266 5,266	3,868 3,868
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding blanketing)	'000 sq yd	Original Adjusted	986 1,545	1,921 1,746	1,970 1,750	1,780 1,876	1,932 1,801	1,605 1,789	1,591 1,782	1,981 1,929	1,910 1,906	2,238 1,949	2,398 1,962	1,724 1,959	1,284 1,850	2,240 1,963	2,147 1,924	1,837 1,961	2,033 1,925	1,716 2,005	1,959 1,985	1,815 1,904	1,961 1,973	2,448 2,003	2,269 1,961	1,882 2,055
10. BOOTS AND SHOES PRODUCTION	'000 pairs	Original Adjusted	1,111 2,364	2,229 2,503	2,354 2,442	2,305 2,495	2,739 2,560	2,584 2,589	2,794 2,607	3,280 2,567	3,169 2,683	3,095 2,599	3,231 2,740	2,040 2,662	1,318 2,554	2,330 2,512	2,433 2,534	2,264 2,493	2,663 2,493	2,303 2,450	3,034 2,591	3,017 2,512	3,171 2,696	3,450 2,727		
11. MEAT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	119 133	125 132	131 126	128 127	149 131	139 128	135 137	137 135	141 149	154 159	156 154	142 155	133 143	141 142	146 141	131 132	144 124	133 131	146 139	139 140	143 153	156 153	145 148	
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES	mill. gal.	Original Adjusted	168 137	130 136	116 137	85 130	73 126	65 120	86 130	126 131	160 131	194 130	189 130	173 127	155 125	119 121	96 116	74 109	66 113	65 123	88 129	127 133	161 133	186 124	179 123	
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND	'000 bales	Original	193	278	361	299	240	160	283	543	736	790	668	324	179	298	347	287	198	188	270	503	762	781	722	398
14. VALUE OF GREASY WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS	\$ mill.	Original	60.1	73.3	51.1	46.6	71.3	52.3	19.8	32.2	55.2	76.1	70.3	42.4	59.3	83.4	59.0	37.4	65.9	37.7	18.1	22.4	69.0	89.0	92.3	67.9
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY cents per lb greasy		Original	47	48	47	47	48	47	46	43	43	43	43	44	44	46	46	46	46	46	45	45	46	*	*	*

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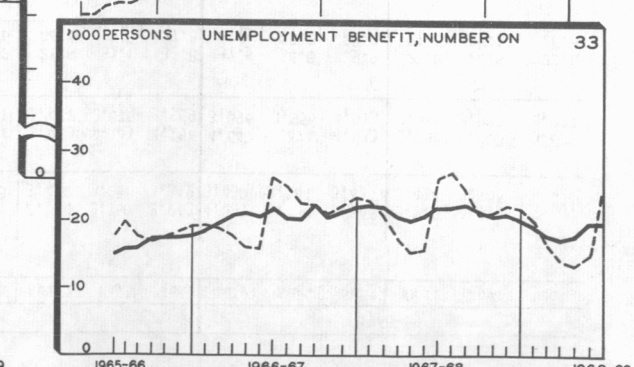
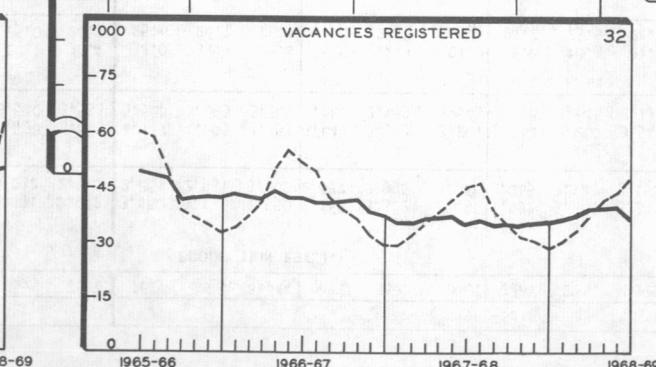
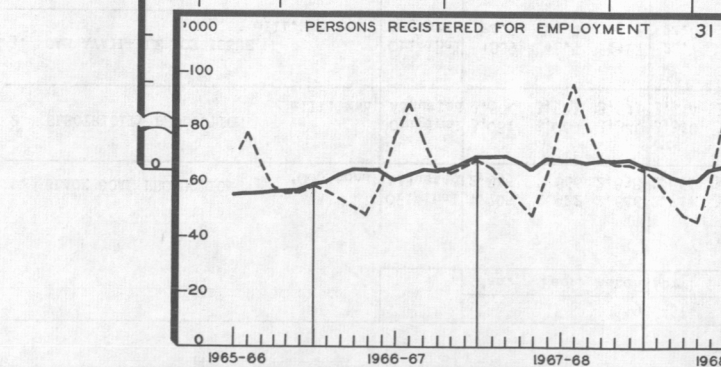
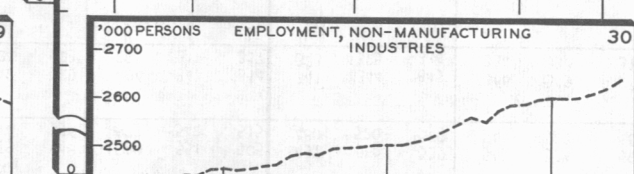
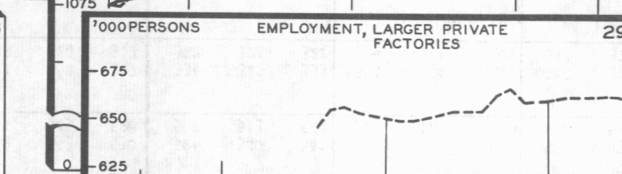
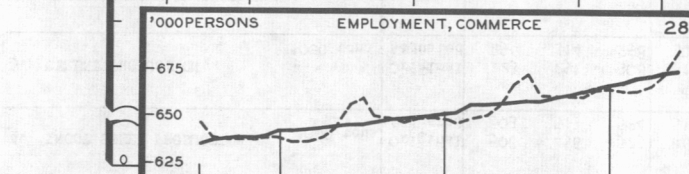
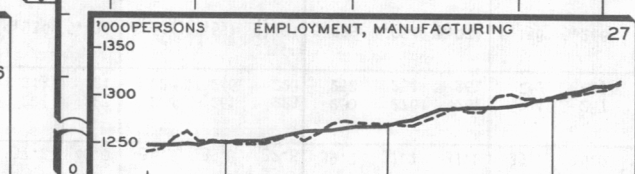
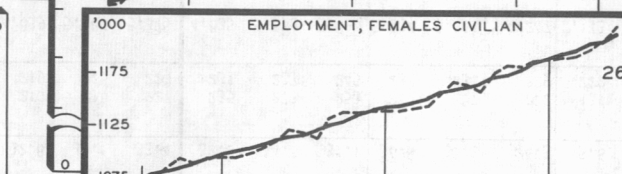
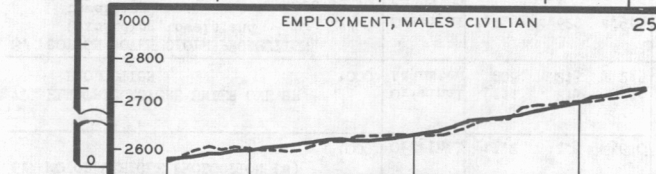
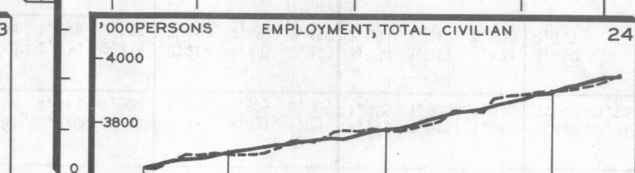
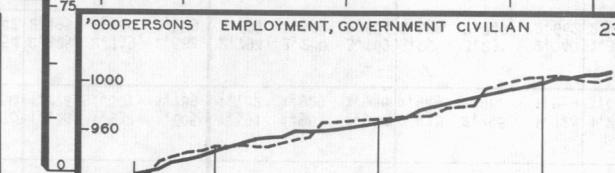
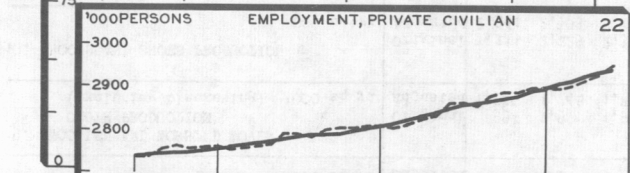
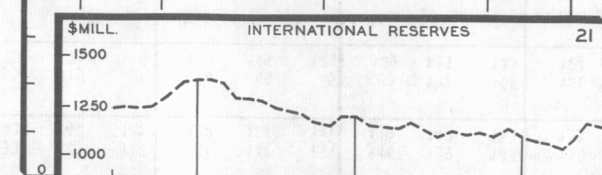
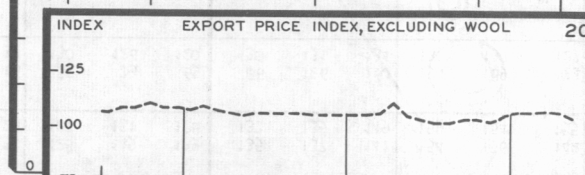
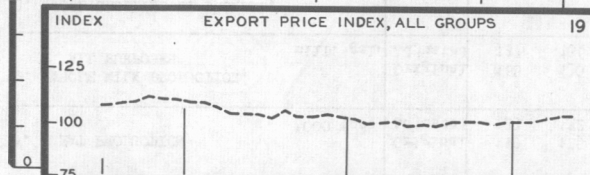
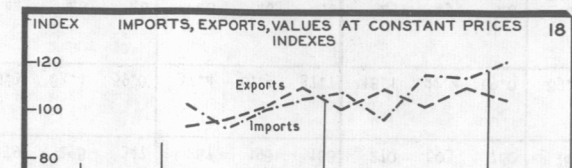
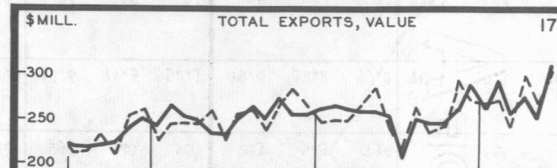
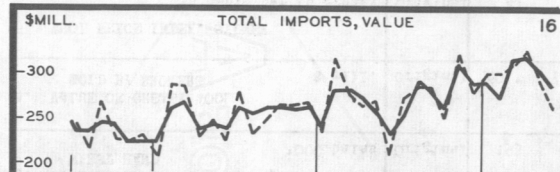
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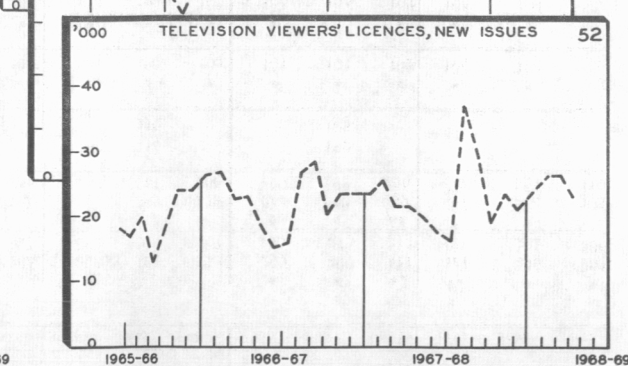
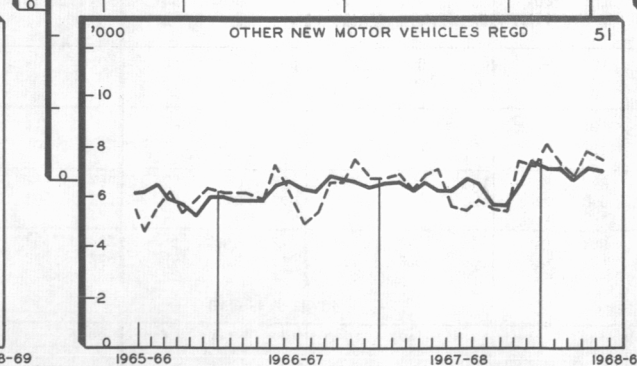
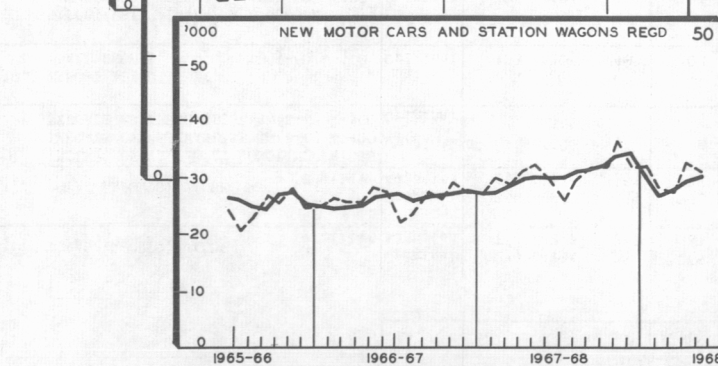
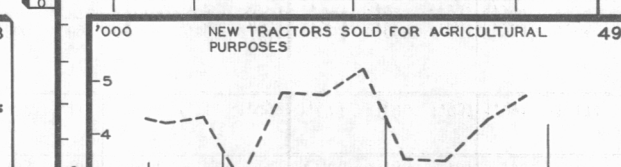
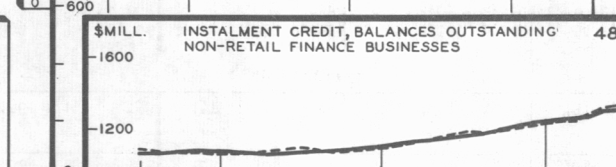
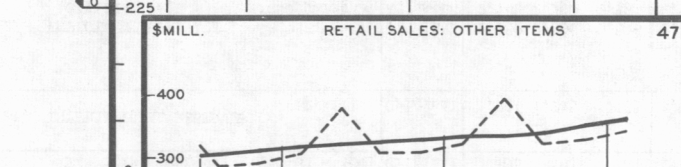
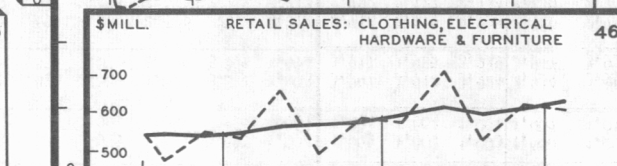
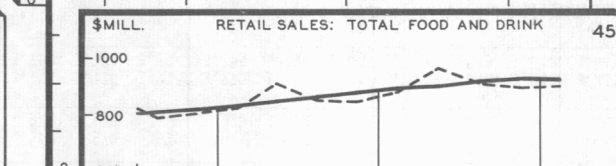
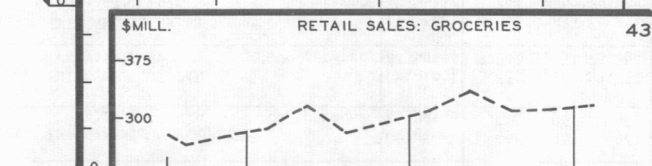
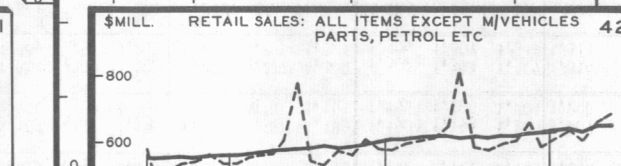
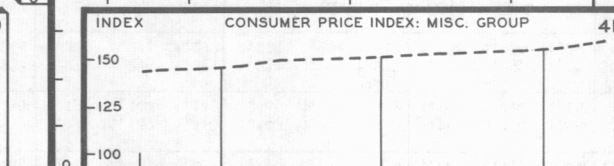
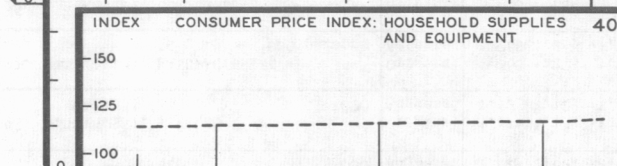
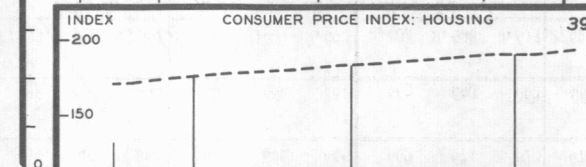
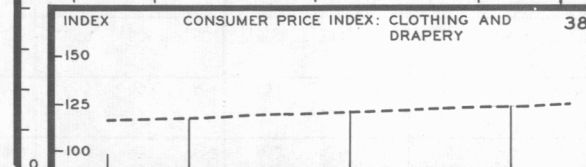
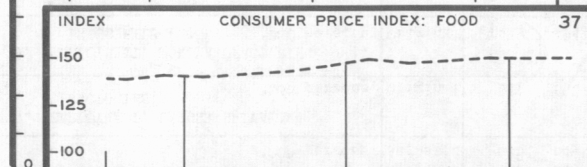
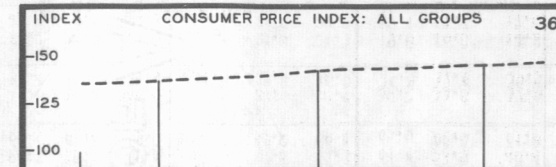
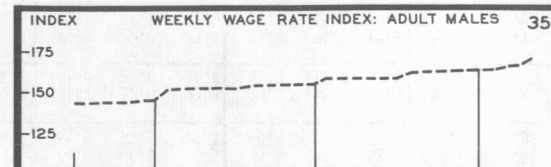
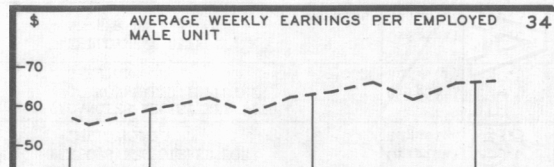
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OVERSEAS TRADE																										
16. TOTAL IMPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	279 263	233 257	250 262	265 263	264 259	269 262	236 239	314 280	276 279	265 273	270 261	207 234	277 258	287 298	286 287	252 262	322 306	273 287	* 299 290	* 299 273	* 311 313	* 327 321	* 296 301	* 263 286
17. TOTAL EXPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	256 253	260 265	239 251	270 275	285 255	264 256	249 268	248 260	246 264	266 258	284 257	239 254	216 204	259 252	234 246	240 250	293 261	272 288	* 264 260	* 268 292	* 239 256	* 297 275	* 264 251	305 310
18. INDEXES OF VALUES AT CONSTANT PRICES IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE 1966-67 = 100 EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE 1966-67 = 100		Original Original	100 101			105 110			108 100			97 109			115 101			114 110			122 105					
19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS 1959-60 = 100		Original	103	105	103	103	104	103	102	99	99	101	98	99	98	101	101	101	100	101	101	101	102	104	104	
20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING WOOL 1959-60 = 100		Original	106	107	107	106	106	106	106	106	107	111	105	104	103	103	104	104	103	105	106	106	107	106	104	
21. INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (a)	\$ mill.	Original	1,236	1,215	1,175	1,158	1,197	1,198	1,157	1,151	1,143	(e) 1,170 1,146 1,092			1,131	1,102	1,117	1,096	1,143	1,092	1,079	1,060	1,037	1,091	1,174	1,150
EMPLOYMENT (b)																										
22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE CIVILIAN (c)	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	2,782 2,788	2,800 2,790	2,805 2,791	2,805 2,799	2,808 2,805	2,806 2,809	2,804 2,815	2,812 2,824	2,822 2,832	2,836 2,842	2,861 2,851	2,862 2,858	2,854 2,860	2,880 2,869	2,891 2,876	2,888 2,882	2,896 2,893	2,899 2,903	2,901 2,913	2,908 2,921	2,921 2,932	2,933 2,940	2,959 2,949	
23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	956 960	967 961	967 962	968 963	970 965	970 967	971 970	972 972	972 976	973 980	977 983	980 985	983 987	996 990	999 993	1,001 996	1,003 998	1,004 1,001	1,005 1,004	1,004 1,004	1,003 1,007	1,000 1,007	1,004 1,010	
24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL CIVILIAN (c)	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	3,739 3,746	3,767 3,751	3,772 3,754	3,773 3,762	3,778 3,771	3,775 3,776	3,775 3,785	3,783 3,796	3,794 3,808	3,809 3,822	3,838 3,833	3,842 3,842	3,837 3,845	3,876 3,859	3,889 3,870	3,889 3,878	3,899 3,891	3,903 3,904	3,907 3,917	3,912 3,925	3,924 3,939	3,934 3,947	3,963 3,958	
25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES CIVILIAN (c)	'000	Original Adjusted	2,622 2,623	2,634 2,622	2,633 2,623	2,633 2,625	2,638 2,631	2,635 2,634	2,635 2,640	2,640 2,647	2,646 2,656	2,654 2,665	2,671 2,673	2,676 2,678	2,678 2,679	2,699 2,687	2,704 2,693	2,706 2,698	2,712 2,705	2,714 2,713	2,716 2,722	2,719 2,727	2,723 2,734	2,726 2,738	2,743 2,745	
26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES CIVILIAN (c)	'000	Original Adjusted	1,116 1,123	1,133 1,129	1,139 1,130	1,139 1,137	1,140 1,140	1,140 1,143	1,140 1,145	1,143 1,149	1,148 1,152	1,155 1,156	1,167 1,160	1,166 1,165	1,159 1,166	1,177 1,172	1,185 1,176	1,183 1,180	1,187 1,187	1,189 1,191	1,190 1,195	1,193 1,198	1,200 1,204	1,207 1,208	1,220 1,213	
27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	1,260 1,265	1,273 1,265	1,277 1,266	1,274 1,269	1,273 1,271	1,271 1,272	1,271 1,274	1,272 1,276	1,277 1,282	1,282 1,286	1,290 1,289	1,283 1,290	1,284 1,289	1,300 1,291	1,305 1,293	1,298 1,293	1,299 1,297	1,300 1,301	1,302 1,305	1,304 1,307	1,307 1,312	1,310 1,313	1,316 1,315	
28. EMPLOYMENT, COMMERCE	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	650 648	649 649	647 649	649 650	650 651	649 652	647 653	649 656	651 656	656 657	668 658	673 659	661 659	661 661	661 662	661 663	664 666	665 668	663 669	664 671	668 673	674 675	687 676	
29. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES	'000 persons	Original	647	656	658	655	653	651	651	651	652	654	656	656	656	664	668	661	662	662	663	663	663	664	663	661
30. EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (c)	'000 persons	Original	2,479	2,494	2,495	2,499	2,505	2,504	2,504	2,511	2,517	2,526	2,549	2,558	2,553	2,575	2,585	2,591	2,600	2,603	2,604	2,608	2,617	2,624	2,647	
31. PERSONS REGISTERED FOR EMPLOYMENT	'000	Original Adjusted	89.0 63.5	76.3 64.9	64.9 64.5	64.0 65.5	66.2 67.9	68.5 69.4	65.4 69.6	59.8 70.0	53.2 67.9	48.6 64.7	63.0 68.5	83.6 68.0	96.2 68.6	79.1 67.4	69.4 69.0	67.0 68.7	67.3 69.2	65.3 66.1	61.4 65.5	53.5 62.8	48.4 61.8	46.5 61.9	59.8 64.9	83.2 67.6
32. VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE	'000	Original Adj. (f)	49.9 40.5	42.6 40.5	38.8 40.6	36.7 41.6	32.0 37.8	29.3 36.6	29.2 35.5	32.0 35.6	35.0 36.8	38.3 37.2	41.4 37.7	45.4 35.5	46.6 36.4	38.4 35.1	35.0 35.4	31.5 34.9	30.6 35.8	28.7 36.0	30.2 36.8	33.8 37.6	37.6 39.5	41.3 39.9	43.9 39.9	47.1 36.8
33. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (d)	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	25.0 20.3	22.2 20.3	22.1 22.4	20.9 20.6	22.0 21.3	23.4 21.9	23.0 22.1	20.8 21.9	17.2 20.5	15.3 20.1	15.7 20.5	26.3 21.7	26.7 21.7	24.2 22.1	21.0 21.3	21.1 20.7	21.8 21.0	21.3 21.3	19.8 19.1	16.8 17.7	14.2 17.0	13.3 17.5	14.8 19.3	23.5 19.3

(a) "Gold and Foreign Exchange held by Reserve Bank" was \$1,010.0 million on 21.8.68; \$985.4m. on 18.9.68; \$1,008.7m. on 16.10.68; \$1,049.5 m. on 20.11.68; \$1,039.4 m. on 11.12.68; \$1,030.1 m. on 15.1.69.

(b) Figures in items 22-30 refer only to employed wage and salary earners. Except for those in item 29, the figures are subject to revision. (c) Excludes employees in rural industry and in private domestic service. (d) Last Saturday of month. (e) Reserves fell by \$24.8 m. between the last Wednesdays in October and November. This fall includes a loss of approx. \$113 m. resulting from the devaluation of United Kingdom and New Zealand currencies. (f) Revised to take account of changes in administrative procedures. Prior to September 1967 vacancies for school leavers were usually recorded in the month in which they were notified. Since then they have been registered in the month preceding the month in which they could actually be filled. \* Preliminary. Revised.

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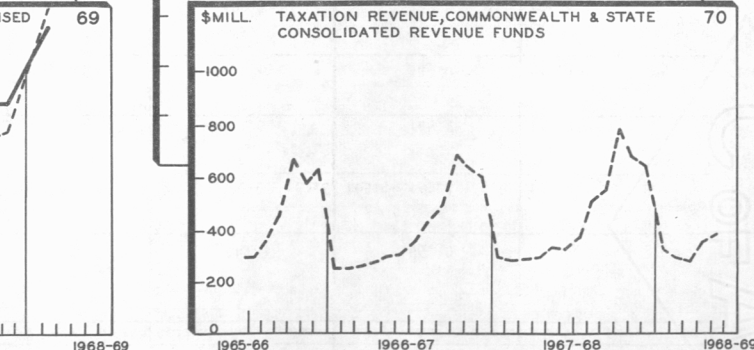
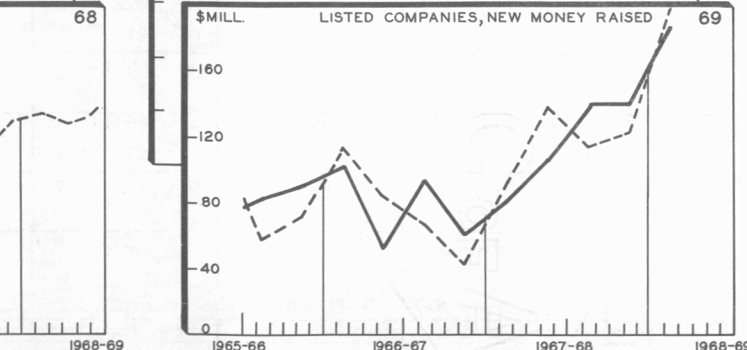
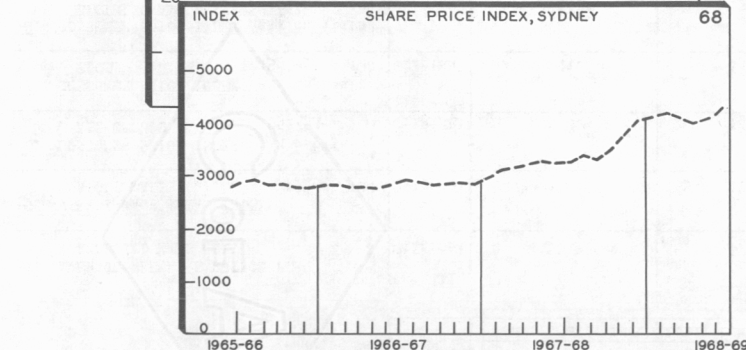
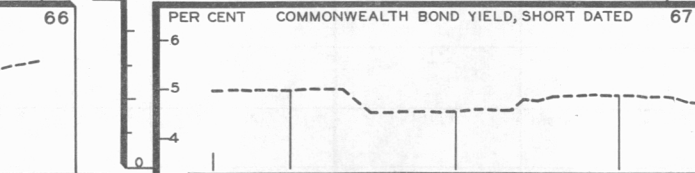
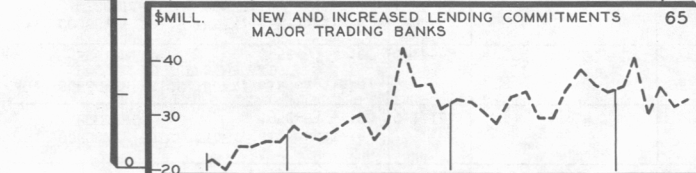
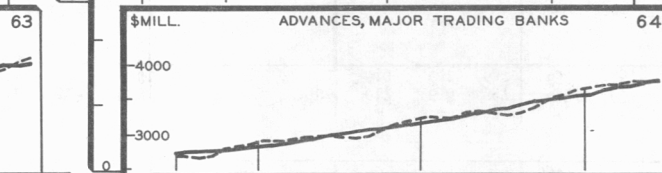
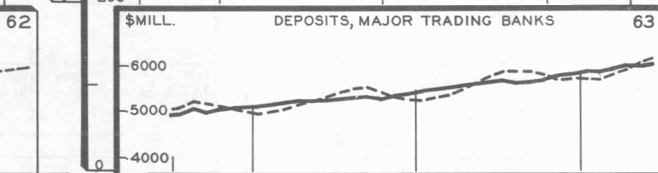
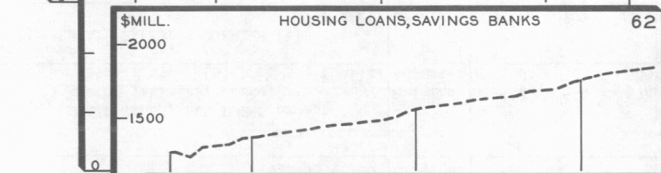
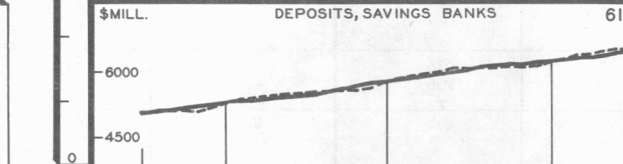
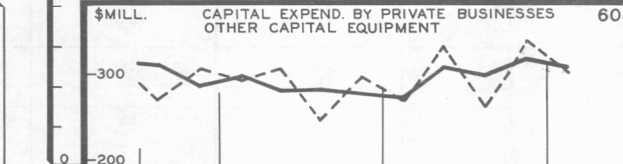
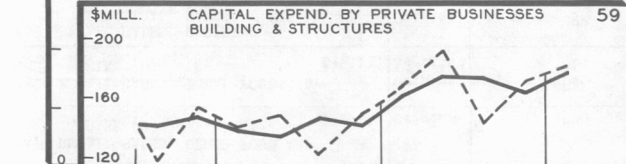
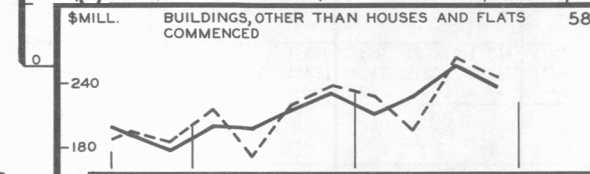
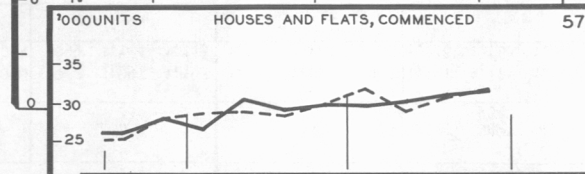
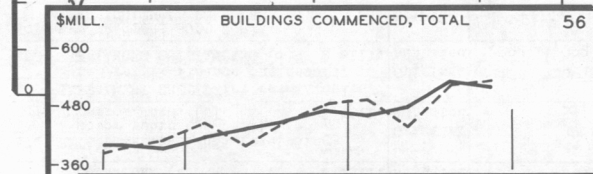
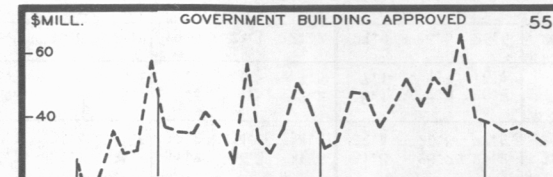
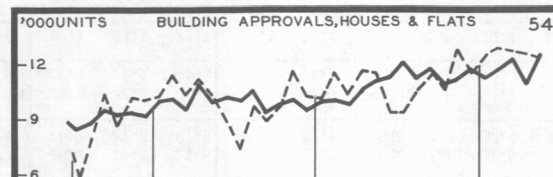
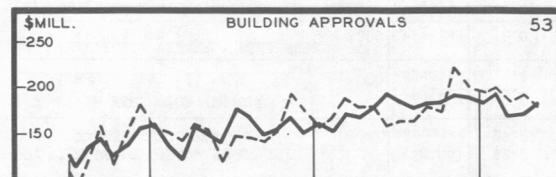
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WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																										
34. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT	\$	Original	58.30			62.40			63.40			66.20			61.90			65.90			66.30					
35. WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX, ADULT MALES (a) 1954 = 100		Original	154.3	154.5	154.8	155.1	155.2	155.3	158.9	159.0	159.1	159.1	159.2	159.2	161.6	162.0	162.3	162.7	163.2	163.6	163.9	165.4	165.8	170.9		
36. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS 1952-53 = 100		Original	138.9			140.6			142.5			142.9			143.5			144.6			145.2			146.7		
37. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD 1952-53 = 100		Original	141.6			144.2			148.3			147.0			148.0			149.4			149.0			149.3		
38. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals CLOTHING AND DRAPEY 1952-53 = 100		Original	119.7			120.8			121.2			122.0			122.3			122.9			123.5			124.4		
39. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING 1952-53 = 100		Original	179.5			182.5			184.4			186.7			187.6			190.0			191.3			194.9		
40. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT 1952-53 = 100		Original	115.0			115.6			115.8			116.3			116.4			117.3			117.5			118.2		
41. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP 1952-53 = 100		Original	149.3			150.4			151.5			153.1			153.5			154.3			156.4			159.7		
INTERNAL TRADE																										
42. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b)	\$ mill.	Original	544	530	574	559	609	577	574	597	604	608	650	817	589	578	599	598	659	586	617	638	597	659	688	
		Adjusted	588	593	588	590	596	600	608	608	617	618	622	621	623	621	628	620	632	634	640	642	632	652	654	
43. RETAIL SALES, GROCERIES (b)	\$ mill.	Original	280			289			303			331			306			309			316					
44. RETAIL SALES, OTHER FOOD AND DRINK (b)	\$ mill.	Original	570			560			571			632			607			588			588					
45. RETAIL SALES, TOTAL FOOD AND DRINK (b)	\$ mill.	Original	849			848			875			963			913			898			904					
		Adjusted	864			876			894			907			919			926			926					
46. RETAIL SALES, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, HARDWARE AND FURNITURE (b)	\$ mill.	Original	492			585			576			711			527			616			600					
		Adjusted	569			580			597			614			604			611			623					
47. RETAIL SALES, OTHER (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b))	\$ mill.	Original	308			311			325			401			326			329			348					
		Adjusted	331			336			340			342			346			354			364					
48. INSTALMENT CREDIT for retail sales, non-retail finance businesses, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (c)	\$ mill.	Original	1,106	1,093	1,088	1,092	1,097	1,103	1,110	1,122	1,133	1,151	1,171	1,186	1,196	1,193	1,199	*	*	*	1,247	1,258	1,269	1,293	1,318	1,336
		Adjusted	1,092	1,092	1,093	1,099	1,104	1,113	1,119	1,128	1,134	1,148	1,160	1,167	1,180	1,192	1,205	1,218	1,234	1,248	1,258	1,264	1,271	1,290	1,306	1,315
49. NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES	No.	Original	(f) 4,754			(f) 5,259			3,528			3,512			4,278			4,729								
50. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED	'000	Original	22.2	23.4	27.7	26.0	29.1	27.5	27.3	30.2	28.6	31.4	32.5	29.6	25.7	29.7	31.6	31.7	36.8	31.6	31.8	28.2	27.2	32.8	30.9	
		Adjusted	27.2	25.9	26.9	26.8	27.4	27.9	27.3	27.6	28.6	30.0	30.4	30.1	30.1	31.4	31.5	32.2	34.2	34.4	29.4	26.8	27.9	29.5	30.3	
51. OTHER NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED (d)	'000	Original	4.9	5.4	6.6	6.6	7.6	6.8	6.8	7.0	6.3	6.9	7.1	5.6	5.4	5.8	5.5	5.4	7.5	7.2	8.1	7.3	6.8	7.9	7.5	
		Adjusted	6.4	6.3	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.2	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.7	6.5	5.6	5.6	6.5	7.5	7.1	7.1	6.7	7.2	7.0	
52. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES, NEW ISSUES (e)	'000	Original	16.0	26.9	28.3	20.1	23.6	23.7	23.3	25.4	21.4	21.5	20.1	17.6	16.5	36.8	28.8	19.0	23.3	21.2	23.9	26.6	26.6	22.9		

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Items 42-7 exclude Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) At end of month. Amounts financed in new agreements made were: Jan. 1968 \$65.8m., Feb., \$67.1m., March \$69.1m.; April, \$68.9m.; May \$78.2m.; June \$67.1m.; July \$73.5m.; August \$70.4m.; Sept. \$69.9m.; Oct. \$86.2m.; Nov. \$83.8m. (d) Other new vehicles includes utilities, vans, trucks, etc.

(e) Includes new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences. Includes new issues to persons whose previous licence had expired; these may increase significantly in certain months due to special licence inspection campaigns of the P.M.G.'s Department. (f) Excludes wheel tractors of 15 horsepower or less.

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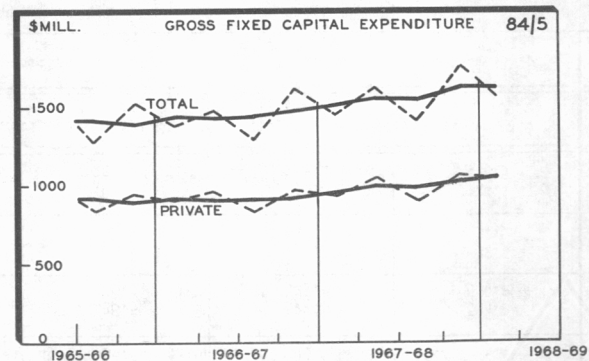
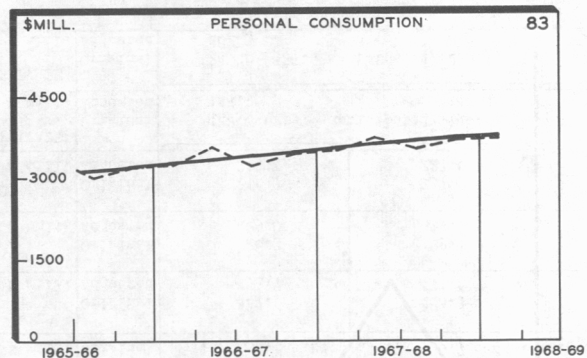
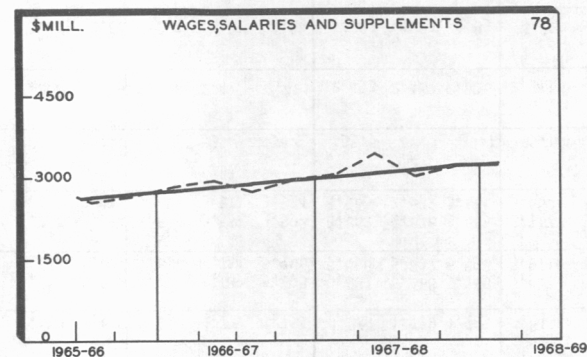
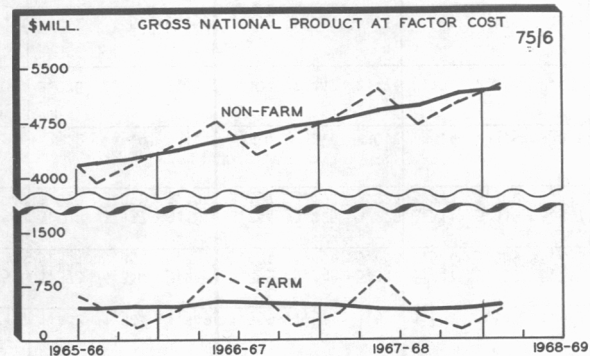
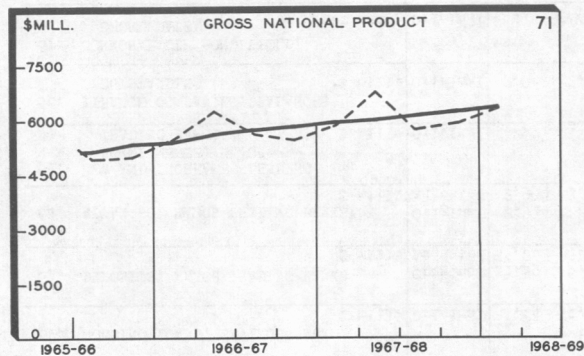
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BUILDING, ETC.																											
53.	BUILDING APPROVALS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	149.8 180.0	147.7 170.4	142.4 151.4	153.6 156.9	195.5 171.2	176.6 152.9	158.3 162.3	168.1 154.8	190.7 173.8	180.4 169.5	181.6 179.6	159.0 196.4	165.1 188.5	165.2 181.0	182.4 185.7	175.0 186.9	223.4 195.3	202.6 192.6	198.6 185.6	203.3 196.4	187.2 171.0	193.8 174.0	179.0 185.9	
54.	BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS	'000 units	Original Adjusted	7.4 10.1	9.8 10.7	9.0 9.4	9.8 9.9	11.8 10.2	10.3 9.6	10.2 10.1	11.7 10.2	10.4 10.0	11.8 10.8	11.6 11.2	9.4 11.4	9.4 12.3	10.8 11.3	11.7 11.9	10.6 10.9	12.9 11.2	11.6 11.9	12.7 11.4	13.0 11.9	12.9 12.5	12.7 11.1	12.5 12.7	
55.	GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED	\$ mill.	Original	57.2	32.6	28.5	36.7	50.7	44.6	29.8	32.9	48.1	47.7	36.5	43.8	52.1	43.0	52.4	46.4	66.4	39.3	38.0	35.6	36.6	34.4		
56.	BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		447.6 453.7			484.3 471.6			494.2 462.2			438.5 478.1			522.9 529.8			534.2 520.2							
57.	HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED	'000 units	Original Adjusted		28.3 29.0			29.6 29.6			31.5 29.5			28.6 30.0			30.4 31.2			32.6 32.5							
58.	BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		216.7 213.4			237.0 227.6			226.7 209.6			193.9 225.0			260.8 256.4			244.1 234.5							
59.	NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures (a)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	122.0 (285.0 anticipated)					148.8	167.1 (335.9 anticipated)					191.8	143.0 (326.4 anticipated)					172.8	181.7 (419.4 anticipated)					176.6
60.	NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other capital equipment (a)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	245.8 (527.5 anticipated)					296.7	266.7 (595.6 anticipated)					331.0	261.2 (604.5 anticipated)					338.2	302.7 (637.0 anticipated)					307.3
				282.3					278.1	271.3					306.8	300.2					317.3						

#### FINANCE

61. DEPOSITS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,512 5,506	5,544 5,549	5,551 5,593	5,558 5,642	5,623 5,709	5,765 5,756	5,821 5,805	5,890 5,853	5,952 5,903	6,001 5,949	6,031 5,984	6,021 6,003	6,046 6,049	6,071 6,075	6,068 6,104	6,043 6,142	6,112 6,199	6,222 6,222	6,280 6,261	6,349 6,299	6,385 6,341	6,442 6,385	6,485 6,427	6,456 6,450
62. HOUSING LOANS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	1,448	1,458	1,477	1,488	1,504	1,549	1,559	1,574	1,590	1,602	1,617	1,637	1,643	1,658	1,675	1,690	1,705	1,751	1,767	1,779	1,795	1,813	1,826	1,846
63. DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,383 5,262	5,489 5,300	5,516 5,324	5,373 5,301	5,310 5,352	5,265 5,357	5,259 5,421	5,298 5,456	5,342 5,484	5,447 5,526	5,593 5,589	5,717 5,633	5,819 5,689	5,816 5,613	5,832 5,627	5,759 5,686	5,689 5,734	5,698 5,796	5,683 5,858	5,668 5,837	5,745 5,898	5,887 5,971	5,979 5,973	6,110 6,020
64. ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	2,934 2,998	2,912 3,024	2,962 3,040	3,086 3,070	3,137 3,098	3,181 3,124	3,244 3,157	3,229 3,190	3,229 3,224	3,311 3,277	3,312 3,302	3,307 3,332	3,267 3,337	3,288 3,413	3,354 3,441	3,504 3,483	3,559 3,513	3,598 3,534	3,662 3,563	3,676 3,632	3,665 3,661	3,717 3,680	3,705 3,694	3,718 3,748
65. NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	25.7	28.4	42.6	35.2	35.9	31.1	36.9	32.6	30.7	28.4	33.5	34.5	29.7	29.7	34.8	38.5	35.9	34.9	35.5	41.0	30.7	35.6	31.9	33.1
66. FINANCE COMPANIES, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (b)	\$ mill.	Original	2,062	2,065	2,080	2,078	2,098	2,088	2,107	2,142	2,176	2,192	2,246	2,259	2,277	2,288	2,329	2,354	2,407	2,421	2,453	2,487	2,506	2,543		
67. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED	per cent	Original	4.50	4.51	4.51	4.52	4.51	4.52	4.53	4.53	4.51	4.51	4.75	4.71	4.80	4.84	4.86	4.87	4.85	4.84	4.84	4.83	4.83	4.82	4.72	4.68
68. SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c)		Original	2,939	2,907	2,840	2,855	2,860	2,835	2,972	3,132	3,184	3,236	3,330	3,270	3,316	3,423	3,367	3,509	3,825	4,077	4,162	4,224	4,166	4,009	4,106	4,328
69. LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED /	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		68.0 93.6			44.9 62.1			92.4 81.0			139.4 108.0			115.2 140.7			121.8 138.9			198.9 187.7				
70. TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE Consolidated revenue funds	\$ mill.	Original	362.0	436.2	490.8	686.2	628.1	597.2	292.9	283.0	287.8	302.8	335.0	326.8	368.7	508.2	551.8	781.3	675.1	643.9	333.9	301.1	283.5	346.5	381.3	*

(a) See notes, page 14. (b) Contracts including charges, plus contracts excluding charges. Amounts shown are intended to provide a broad overall measure of total balances outstanding; however, movements may be affected by changes in the proportion of the two components to the total. (c) Average, three years ended June 1939 = 1,000. \* Preliminary. / Revised.

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		1966-67		1967-68				1968-69	
		March Qtr	June Qtr	Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr	March Qtr	June Qtr	Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS									
71. GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,609 5,757	5,468 5,859	5,812 5,897	6,751 6,011	5,726 6,098	5,932 6,274	6,384 6,389
72. <u>plus</u> IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	950 959	979 968	1,009 988	967 991	1,085 1,094	1,070 1,060	1,096 1,072
73. <u>less</u> EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	883 896	934 906	853 888	904 883	859 872	934 905	897 933
74. GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,676 5,820	5,513 5,921	5,968 5,997	6,814 6,119	5,952 6,320	6,068 6,429	6,583 6,528
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST -									
75. FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	661 538	194 533	365 502	875 431	335 436	155 437	442 490
76. NON-FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	4,339 4,602	4,637 4,718	4,844 4,772	5,240 4,941	4,722 4,985	5,066 5,158	5,288 5,224
77. TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,000 5,140	4,831 5,251	5,209 5,274	6,115 5,372	5,057 5,421	5,221 5,595	5,730 5,714
78. WAGES, SALARIES AND SUPPLEMENTS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	2,768 2,890	2,955 2,985	3,026 3,013	3,229 3,107	3,005 3,114	3,206 3,237	3,272 3,264
79. INCOME OF FARM UNINCORPORATED ENTERPRISES	\$ mill.	Original	455	6	148	630	131	-42	209
80. OTHER PERSONAL INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	1,068	1,270	1,141	1,291	1,131	1,361	1,204
81. <u>less</u> INCOME TAX PAYABLE and estate and gift duties	\$ mill.	Original	499	493	527	657	521	558	594
82. PERSONAL DISPOSABLE INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	3,792	3,738	3,788	4,493	3,746	3,967	4,091
83. PERSONAL CONSUMPTION	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	3,252 3,411	3,441 3,463	3,512 3,555	3,852 3,626	3,532 3,689	3,719 3,742	3,731 3,776
GROSS FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE -									
84. PRIVATE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	841 922	968 931	947 956	1,050 992	913 1,001	1,074 1,034	1,046 1,047
85. TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	1,310 1,449	1,602 1,467	1,465 1,522	1,617 1,551	1,411 1,560	1,784 1,638	1,570 1,629

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

For further details of these items see publications listed on page 15

Item	Publication Reference No. (Page 15)	Item	Publication Reference No. (Page 15)
1. ..	16,22	48. Figures relate to balances outstanding (including hiring charges and insurance) at end of period in respect of retail sales made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Amounts financed - new agreements made exclude hiring charges, insurance and retailers' subsidiaries.	13,14
2. Total generated, including electricity not for sale	22	49. Excludes wheel tractors of 15 horsepower or less before July 1967, and crawler tractors of 3,000 pounds weight or less.	35
3. Includes gas produced in gas works and gas purchased from oil refineries. Does not include natural gas.	22	50,51. Registrations recorded by the registration authorities. Includes all government owner vehicles other than Defence Service vehicles.	30,31
4. Includes recovery from scrap.	22	52. Includes new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences.	17
5. Portland cement.	22	53,54. Building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities. Number of houses and flats relate to individual living units.	4
6. Includes finished and partly finished motor vehicles.	22,28	55. Contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities for their own use, the use of their employees, rental or sale.	4
7. Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products.	22,26	56. Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land.	5
8. Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton.	22,25	57. Excludes conversions to flats.	5,6
9. Includes mixtures predominantly of wool.	22,29	58. See 56 above.	5
10. Includes sandals and moulded plastic footwear but not slippers, sandshoes, goloshes or rubber gum boots.	22,27	59,60. Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for each quarter and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than \$500,000 in any half year.	7
11. In terms of fresh meat (carcass weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms.	15	61. Deposits at end of period - all savings banks.	33,34
12. ..	10	62. Housing loans outstanding at end of period, all savings banks.	33,34
13. Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale.	-	63,64. Monthly averages of weekly figures of the major trading banks, (the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks).	2,3
14. The value of wool sold at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold.	-	65. Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of month. The series comprises new and increased lending commitments for both overdrafts and term loans entered into by major trading banks (commitments in respect of temporary loans to woolbuyers are excluded). Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.	17
15. Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realise if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month.	18	66. At end of period. Covers main types of lending by finance companies in Australia, comprising instalment credit for retail sales, wholesale hire purchase, other consumer and commercial loans and factoring. In so far as they provide instalment credit for retail sales the Finance Companies are also included in 51, Instalment Credit for Retail Sales. Includes leasing.	13,17
16-17. Total recorded overseas trade. See preface and explanatory notes, Monthly Bulletin of Overseas Trade Statistics.	20	67. Theoretical 2 year securities. Average for the week is centred on the last Wednesday of the month. Income subject to Commonwealth taxation less rebate of 10 cents per dollar. Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.	17
18. Indexes of values at average 1966-67 prices. New series of indexes first published in the bulletin "Exports and Imports of Merchandise at Constant Prices" (Ref. No. 8.21) on 10 October 1968, in which a full description of sources and methods is given.	1,37	68. Average of monthly prices per \$2 of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney.	17,18
19-20. Net gold and foreign exchange holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month.	12	69. Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies through the issues of shares, debentures, notes and similar securities and the acceptance of deposits. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies.	8,17
21. Excludes permanent defence forces in Australia or overseas. Based on returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections.	-	70. Excludes taxation collections paid direct to trust funds, e.g. motor taxes.	-
22-24. Includes all government employees in Australia (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) employed on services such as railways, post office, etc., as well as administrative employees.	11	71-85. For references to concepts see "Australian National Accounts, National Income and Expenditure", published May, 1968.	19
25. Includes employees directly engaged in manufacturing activity and selling and distribution staff.	11	86. ..	5
26. ..	11	87. Includes major additions and major alterations to existing buildings	5
27. Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service. See 22 above.	11	88. End of quarter. Includes hiring charges, interest, insurance, etc.	14
28. Source: Department of Labour and National Service, Registrations with Commonwealth Employment Service.	11		
29. Excludes persons receiving sickness or special benefits and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres. Source: Department of Social Services.	11		
30. Male units represent total male employees plus 55 per cent of female employees.	17,36		
31. Index of weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime) as prescribed in awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia.	17,36		
32-41. Consumer price index. New index first published 12 August 1960. For particulars of composition and weighting see Labour Report No. 51, 1964.	9		
42-7. Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.	32		



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